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THE STORY IT TELLS TO HIM.

A little blue story book, faded and worn,
Has its own hallowed place on the shelf,
Where the little queen heroine wise but forlorn,
Calmly communes with herself.

But the page is turned down where the wonderful prince
Boldly knocks on the fierce ogre's door.
Ah, he has not looked at the story book since,
By which he once sat so much store.

She said: "Daddy, dear, don't read any more,
For somehow I can't understand."
So he turned the page down with the prince at the door,
And held her wee feverish hand.

But while the prince waited his promise to keep,
And the little queen sat on her throne,
An angel band sang his wee girlie to sleep,
But left him awake and alone.

The brave little prince still waits with a frown
For the ogre to come or to go.
But the place in the book where the page is turned down
Is only for "him" to know.

Oh, little blue book, thy covers are dim,
But thy stories are happy and bright,
Save one little tale told only to him,
Which is breaking his poor heart tonight.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CRAWFORD FOR GOVERNOR.

Whether it is true or not, the newspapers have been mentioning Attorney General Crawford for Governor. General Crawford has made some good hits in the way of conducting **SUCCESSFUL LAW SUITS FOR THE STATE.** He is a man who would fill the office in a very pleasant manner and would make it pleasant for everybody. The veto axe would not fall very often nor cut very deeply into the **GAME PRESERVES OF THE POLITICAL POT HUNTERS.** He would make such a Governor as we apprehend Taft will make a hand at willing the White House. Troubles rest lightly on men of that type, and once in a while the people enjoy **AN EASY-GOING SORT OF MAN IN AN EXECUTIVE OFFICE.** Crawford would have the legal ability to fill the office if the people want a lawyer-man for Governor. Unfortunately for General Crawford, he is also from Douglas county and **HE ALSO MAY BE WANTED FOR A FEDERAL JUDGESHIP.** But he is a growing man in state affairs and will keep.

WHAT IS OUR COUNTRY COMING TO?

When the Speaker of the House of Representatives presented Mrs. Mary McCann a silver medal for saving several lives he took her blushing face between his hands **AND KISSED HER.** Attorney Isaac Erbstein of Chicago cleared a man of murdering a woman, and immediately the rest of the women who had not been murdered rushed up and **KISSED HIM IN OPEN COURT.** Judge Galloway at Salem performed the marriage ceremony and forthwith **KISSED THE 17-YEAR-OLD BRIDE,** Miss Doris Elliot. In many of the civilized countries of Europe the men are much given to kissing each other under certain circumstances. But what is the country going to do about such demonstrations as the above?

IS THERE NO WAY TO STOP SUCH FORMS OF EXPRESSING ONE'S FEELINGS?

Is there nothing will answer as a substitute for a kiss under certain circumstances?

It is a lucky thing the Oregon legislature **WAS NOT IN SESSION WHEN THESE THINGS TOOK PLACE.** There would have been a law to regulate this matter of the American people becoming so demonstrative.

THE BOK WOMAN.

The Saturday Evening Post, "over a million circulation," has one of the Bok women on the title page for March 20. These Bok women are beautiful to look at, dreamy-eyed, and with gauzy fronts, **AND THEY MAKE THE PAPER SELL WELL.** Young man, get next to them in print, admire them in the paper, use them for the purpose intended, but don't marry one. She's pretty, but as for making a home, **SHE IS NOT WORTH THE POWDER IT TAKES TO MAKE UP HER BABY FACE.** She is not the real thing that wears well, that lasts to the end, that causes a man to hustle to get home. The Bok girl is for literary purposes only,—not domestic, and as for raising kids, **IT IS OUT OF HER LINE.** There must be Bok girls to sell magazines, but they are not the raisers of families or the saviors of the race.

One state after another is committing political harikari by enacting a direct primary law, and providing for direct election of United States Senators. The fearful disgrace that Oregon has brought upon herself in the eyes of the machine politicians does not seem to frighten back the strongest Republican states, but they are all rushing after this unfortunate and politically degraded commonwealth. The me-too politicians who are going to resign fat and lucrative offices because they live in a state that has the Direct Primary Law and Statement No. 1 will have no place to flee to pretty soon. That may become an excuse for their not resigning and they may even consent to allow their names to go before the people and when they do all such should be sat upon. Those who were willing to overthrow the popular methods adopted in Oregon, and which all the rest of the states on the coast are copying, ought to consider that the people have been very kind and patient to allow them to hold any office at all.

Just as the gross earnings tax on corporations had been sustained in the courts and the corporations were beginning to pay in handsome sums, the legislature enacts a tax commission and by implication repeals the laws enacted by the people. Now corporations are refusing to pay the gross earnings taxes that had become due and were declared legal by the courts. Well, the legislature did one good thing, it enacted a new law regulating the killing of ducks. That is a matter of grave importance—to the ducks.

The spring season is coming on as usual and is one of the things the legislature did not attempt to amend.

LUMBER AND SHINGLE MEN WILL FIGHT TARIFF

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Seattle, March 20.—Not only are the lumbermen to carry their fight for a \$2 tariff on lumber into congress, but the shinglemen are not satisfied with the present schedule which was left intact by the ways and means committee. They will ask congress for an increase of 20 cents per thousand.

Many shinglemen are still in the dark as to just what the ways and means committee did with the shingle schedule, as no mention of shingles has been made in the reports from Washington. The supposition, however, is that the committee left the old schedule of 30 cents stand.

"A thirty-cent duty on shingles is not enough," said Henry S. Stine, a prominent shingleman, today. "The Canadian manufacturers are crowding us out of the markets even now and are developing the shingle business rapidly. Unless the industry is properly protected we cannot hope to compete with the Canadians. Producing shingles the way ninety per cent of them are manufacturing is done under the hardest and most expensive circumstances. The shingle manufacturers furnish employment to many men and are entitled to protection."

JUDGE GETS A DOSE OF LAW

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Olympia, March 20.—Superior Judge Humeke of Spokane county has been cited to show cause here next Friday why he has prohibited the prosecuting attorney from taking stenographic notes of Spokane grand jury proceedings in the Root-Gordon scandal matter.

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